

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-22 had been rejected.

Reconsideration of the Claims is respectfully requested.

1. Rejection under 35 USC § 103(a)

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. MPEP § 2142, p. 2100-128 (Rev. 2, May 2004) (citations omitted).

a. *"prior art corollaries" cannot provide a suggestion or a motivation necessary for prima facie obviousness.*

The Federal Circuit has noted, "an examiner may often find every element of a claimed invention in the prior art. If identification of each claimed element in the prior art were sufficient to negate patentability, very few patents would ever issue. Furthermore, rejecting patents solely by finding prior art corollaries for the claimed elements would permit an examiner to use the claimed invention itself as a blueprint for piecing together elements in the prior art to defeat the patentability of the claimed invention. Such an approach would be 'an illogical and inappropriate process by which to determine patentability.'" *In re Rouffet*, 149 F.3d 1350, 1357 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (*quoting Sensonics, Inc. v. Aerosonic Corp.*, 81 F.3d 1566, 1570 (Fed. Cir. 1996)).

"To prevent the use of hindsight based on the invention to defeat patentability of the invention, this court requires the examiner to show a motivation to combine the references that create the case of obviousness. In other words, the examiner must show reasons that the skilled artisan, confronted with the same problems as the inventor and with no knowledge of the claimed invention, would select the elements from the cited prior art references for combination in the manner claimed." *Id.* (emphasis added).

For example, the Office Action notes that “Auckland does not describe the memory structure for storing addresses for accessing data blocks.” (Office Action mailed January 23, 2006 at p. 7). Further, Auckland pays passing, if any, attention to data access. Instead, Auckland recites antenna configuration techniques (*see, e.g.*, Auckland Claim 1), and radio configuration techniques (*see, e.g.*, Auckland Claim 15; *cf.* Auckland ¶ 0143 (“Other components of the radio may access data in the memory over a system bus or other communication means.”)). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action uses the radio corollary in Auckland, but lacks a corollary for memory data access.

The Office Action turns to the Ethernet, or token ring, device of Loyer to for a memory structure otherwise absent in Auckland. With knowledge of Applicant’s claimed invention, the Office Action affirms the lack of motivation in Auckland by stating that it is “advantageously to use the request and data queues as taught by Loyer into Auckland’s system to store requests from different sources (transmitting, receiving, multiple data ports) such that the base-band processor . . . can provide execution in an efficiently manner.” (Office Action mailed January 23, 2006 at p. 8).

Applicant respectfully submits that an ability to combine (as proposed in the Office Action) is not the criteria for *prima facie* obviousness. Instead, the Office Action must set out reasons that the skilled artisan, confronted with the same problems as the inventor and with no knowledge of the claimed invention, would select the elements from the cited prior art references for combination in the manner claimed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings to achieve Applicant’s claimed invention.

b. The cited references do not teach or suggest all the limitations of Applicant’s claimed invention.

Claims 1-12, 16-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Publication No. 2002/0183013 to Auckland et al. (“Auckland”) and in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,652,874 to Loyer (“Loyer”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

i. Auckland lacks a memory structure

Auckland relates to an “analog RF hardware in the front ends of personal and mobile communication radios that is reconfigurable for a variety of air interface standards.” (Auckland ¶ 0048). In this regard, Auckland generally recites memory in an operational usage for RF portion 600 configurations, which includes a “controller 614 may be dedicated to controlling the RF front end of the radio, including functions such as modulation, demodulation, encoding and decoding. In a software

definable radio, where the radio hardware is fixed but may be customized by on-board software during operation to allow the radio to operate in conjunction with a particular air interface standard or on a particular frequency band, the customization operation may be controlled by the controller 614."

(Auckland ¶¶ 0077, 0090; *see* Figure 6) (emphasis added).

ii. Loyer is a LAN device that has a token bus controller memory structure for serial communications interfaces.

Loyer relates to a "serial communications interface which connects the physical layer to the media access control layer of a local area network [(LAN)]. The serial communications interface of the present invention is utilized to transfer serial data to and from a [LAN] controller" (Loyer 1:9-16). The Token Bus Controller (TBC) 10 of Loyer recites "a 32-byte FIFO 18 [that] is provided for message buffering." (Loyer 5:46-48; *see also* 5:55-59). Figure 6 of Loyer provides an "initialization table [that] contains pointers to the head of each queue, 8 pointers in all. In reality the receive queue pointers are both the 'head' and the 'tail' of the queue because the queue is a null set at initialization." (Loyer 9:29-53). These pointers are statically configured in the initialization table of Figure 6 for an Ethernet Token Bus Controller for use on device initialization. That is, the initialization table of Loyer does not serve as a FIFO.

iii. No suggestion or motivation exists for the hypothetical combination of the RF device of Auckland with the LAN device of Loyer.

In contrast, taken in context, Applicant's invention of Independent Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a "wireless transceiver device, comprising: modulation circuitry for modulating and demodulating signals that are transmitted over the airwaves; . . . baseband processing circuitry including a first in, first out memory structure for storing addresses for accessing data blocks." (emphasis added).

Independent Claim 7 recites a "method for storing and transmitting data, comprising: storing a data block in random access memory; and storing a pointer that corresponds to the data block in a first in, first out memory structure."

Independent Claim 17 recites a "memory structure formed within a baseband processing system, comprising: a random access memory portion for storing data blocks that are to be transmitted in a first in, first out order; and a first in, first out memory structure for storing pointers that correspond to the data blocks."

As explained at page 14 of Applicant's specification, "FIFO memory structure 242 is for controlling and providing access to actual data blocks that are stored within random access memory portion 246 in a manner that causes the data blocks to be transmitted in a first in, first out basis without requiring the data to actually be stored within the FIFO memory structure 242." (Specification at p. 14, *ll.* 12-17).

Applicant respectfully submits that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established. There is no suggestion or motivation in the configurable RF front-end of Auckland or in the LAN token bus controller of Loyer to achieve Applicant's claimed invention. Further, the hypothetical combination of Auckland with Loyer does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of Applicant's wireless transceiver device of Claim 1, its method for storing and transmitting data of Claim 7, and its memory structure of Claim 17. The lack of suggestion or motivation may not be created by relying on elements individually known in the art without some objective reason to combine the teachings of the references. MPEP § 2143.01 at p. 2100-131 (Rev. 2, May 2004). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that its Claim 1 and Claims 2-6 that depend directly or indirectly therefrom, its Claim 7 and Claims 8-12 and 16 that depend directly or indirectly therefrom, and its Claim 17 and Claims 18-20 and 22 that depend directly or indirectly therefrom are allowable.

Claims 13-15 and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Auckland and in view of Loyer and further in view of Firoozmand (US 5136582).

Claims 13-15 depend indirectly from Claim 7. Claims 20 and 21 depend indirectly from Claim 17. In this regard, because a *prima facie* case of obviousness was not established to Independent Claims 7 and 17, Applicant submits that there is no suggestion or motivation to combine Auckland with Loyer and further in view of Firoozmand as set out in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 13-15 and Claims 20 and 21 are allowable.

2. Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-22 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *ksmith@texaspatents.com*.

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